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Reports on Report

A study of the San Mateo County Health and Welfare Dept., which has been under scrutiny for the past four months, will be completed this week, Charles Redfield of the Public Administration Service said Tuesday.

Redfield has been checking the records and observing the administration of the County Hospital, Canyon Sanatorium, the relief home for the past four months. He is ready to make his report to his home office in Chicago.

The study will be analyzed in Chicago and the final report will be submitted to the county board of supervisors, which ordered the study.

The study is not intended to be critical, but constructive, Redfield said. He refused to reveal his conclusions until the study is submitted to the county board.

"The report is generally in two sections," he explained. "The first section presents facts concerning present conditions and organization."

"It is followed by comments and recommendations on organization and procedures—recommendations as to what could be improved or implemented."

The report should be ready for the supervisors in 10 to 25 days, depending on the amount of other work in the Chicago office.

The health and welfare department, under Dr. Charles C. Gans, is the largest unit in the county and spends nearly half of the amount budgeted by the county, exclusive of school. This year Dr. Gans is asking for a budget, which when the salary requests are included, would total nearly \$3,000,000.

Redfield said that if the provisions of the report are utilized, greater efficiency and economy would result.

Program Presented

The San Carlos Community Theater held a Hawaiian program recently at the San Carlos city hall.

The stage had a background setting of palm leaves and colored pictures of Hawaiian scenes. At each end of the piano two lamps glowed through enormous sea shells. Mrs. Evelyn Furness, dance group gave the Hawaiian dances, dressed in native costumes.

Among those taking part were Evelyn Furness, Gretchen Parks, Clyde Queen and Ann Tomlinson. The music was furnished by a trio from San Francisco playing Hawaiian instruments with Louise Sowell as vocalist and announcer. Roy Wardlaw conducted the orchestra.

A business meeting preceded the entertainment and was presided over by Mrs. Ahlma Evans. The subject of the Portola festival was revived when William Fennat approached the members on the possibility of putting on the production in September to coincide with the San Francisco centennial festival. The members agreed to look further into the matter, consulting with other city groups.

It was announced the community theater choir and orchestra would present a concert Apr. 19. Joyce Cole, theater director, told the members of the radio and script writing classes being offered at the San Mateo Junior College. Clifford Van Idersdine was introduced as director for the coming play "Murray Hill" which will be the next show after "Candellight" to be produced Mar. 13, 14 and 15.

Stork Shower

A double stork shower by long distance telephone and telegraph was held last Monday at the home of Mrs. Otto Tallent, 176 Duane St.

Honored guests, who will receive their gifts by mail, were Mrs. James R. Warren, the former Dorothy Nell Armstrong, now with her husband in Shawnee, Okla., where he is a missionary student at the Oklahoma Baptist University; and Mrs. Cecil G. Weaver, the former Lillian Lee Smith, who is now residing in Wake Forest, N. C., where her husband is studying at the Wake Forest Baptist College for the ministry.

The girls' mothers, Mrs. C. M. Armstrong and Mrs. M. B. Smith, both of this city, opened the gifts in their daughters' absence.

Decorations included two baby buggies trimmed in pink and blue with streamers attached. The table was set with candles and booties and flowers decorated the mantel.

Guests were Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Smith and Misses Charles H. Gatchell, Walter O. Dahlin, V. L. Landberg, Millard Berry, C. M. Bridges, Charles Heide, Joseph Hawthorne, C. R. Horton, Elton Landberg, Leon Macell, Dorothy Roberts, Ted Misenheimer, Laura Westberg, Cecil Martin, Chester Liddicoat and the Misses Lucille Conwell, Doris Berry and Shirley Hawthorne.

Sending gifts, but unable to attend were Mrs. Ray Knutsen, Miss Barbara Williams, Mrs. Laura Bogle, Mrs. Arthur Bogle, Mrs. Everett Conwell, Mrs. Hollis Hartwick, Mrs. Everett Carlson and Miss Glenna McQuiston.

Sentence Set

William Furtado, 30-year-old confessed burglar, was denied probation late Tuesday by Superior Judge Edmund Scott and sentenced to one year in the county jail.

Furtado, a San Francisco seaman, had pleaded guilty to burglary, the home of Ann McGee at 607 Mission St., Daly City, last Apr. 20. He had stolen \$8000 from a cache under a sink while the woman was on a trip to Reno.

Judge Scott said that he had been ready to sentence Furtado to San Quentin, but that a probation report stated that it was Furtado's first offense. Furtado has been in county jail since last November.

Forum Letter

To the Editor:

As a recent comer to the environs of Redwood City, I have watched silently but with considerable interest the modus operandi of the city fathers and county supervisors and administrators, as well as the public's reaction thereto.

I am not especially surprised to find that all things in general conform to the average run-of-the-mill type—but after all the public can only get the type of administration and government that its lethargy and lack of vocal interest engenders.

The opening sentence of the editors column "Under the Court House" of Feb. 27th, as well as previous articles and editorials, epitomizes the attitude of both the officials and the public.

Scares of funds spent on various studies, joint that, they should make public is not given much of a chance to be in on the know, and the officials more or less religiously go on the assumption that the public is not interested in the details of such enquiries, reports and plans. However, every now and then we do hear murmurs from the general public about the expense of the city fathers.

For instance Redwood City spends 3000 some odd dollars for a master plan—gets four copies—the public wonders what it is all about and why should they. Why should they have extra copies be available, and a dozen or more copies placed in the public library so at least those of the citizenry who may be interested could borrow it from the library and find out what is going on, what is planned for the future as well as the immediate present.

We are not entitled to that much in return for permitting our city fathers a free hand in allocating, disposing, etc. of our tax funds?

As for the lack of interest on the part of the general public. How about a few public spirited citizens getting together and civic mindedly spending a little of their time with a view to starting a public forum for the city fathers?

I wonder if it is not possible to awake the interest of the general public in our city government by some such means? Maybe if the public could be made to understand what we want and what shall be done with our tax monies they might respond with greater zeal than we are receiving.

Mr. Editor, your articles and editorials are good and have much to commend them to the general public. How about your sounding out the public desire for a public forum for the city fathers?

Subject of "Town Hall" and getting behind it, or rather let's say in front of it, if the public shows sufficient response? Count me as a regular member if it gets going, and I mean to help in getting it going if other are interested—Let's make good use of our city hall.

Very truly,

LOUIS WEISS.

Building Boom

The building boom was still continuing in San Mateo County, with permits issued for 258 residences during February, County Bldg. Insp. A. W. Russell reported Wednesday.

The new residences will cost \$1,946,064, Russell said. He added that permits were issued for construction of 30 additions to residences with a value of \$53,050, and 27 non-residential buildings to cost \$68,800.

The building permits granted showed an increase in the total cost of nearly \$400,000 over the amount for January, when permits were granted for \$1,583,000.

Russell reported that in addition to the 215 permits issued for building purposes, 189 plumbing permits, 218 electrical permits and 75 gas permits also were issued during February. He reported that the total amount of fees received by his office during the month was \$6668.

Russell's figures are for only the unincorporated areas. Several communities, such as Belmont and San Carlos have recorded several hundred thousand dollars worth of building permits during the same time.

The 1947 totals, however, do not equal 1946, which set an all-time high.

Claims Robbery

A San Francisco vegetable dealer reported to the sheriff's office last Friday he was robbed of more than \$100 by two Negroes who had offered him a ride to his home.

Austin Anler, who is a warehouseman for a San Francisco vegetable firm, reported that when he was leaving work at 5 p.m. yesterday, he accepted a ride with two Negroes who he had seen before in the vegetable district.

He said that they drove into San Mateo County and when he protested, one of the Negroes said he was taking the other Negro home first.

In Brisbane they stopped the car and asked for his money. He said when he claimed to have none, they stripped his clothes off him and took a money belt he was wearing which contained 100 \$1 bills and several 5 and 10-dollar bills. They then drove off after leaving him his clothes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Carl W. Anderson, Atty. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

No. 42589—Dept. No. 2 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE State of California, in and for the County of San Mateo.

In the Matter of the Application of CHARLES HENRY ANDERSON, For Change of Name.

Charles Henry Anderson having this day filed his application praying for an Order of this Court changing his present name to the proposed name of Charles Henry Vortan.

It is hereby ordered that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before the said Superior Court in Department No. 2 thereof, at the Courtroom in said County at Redwood City, on March 17th, 1947, to show cause, if any they have, why the said application for change of name should not be granted; and it is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the Times-Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in San Mateo County, once a week for four (4) publications, prior to the 17th day of March, 1947.

Dated: February 14th, 1947. Edmund Scott, Judge of the Superior Court.

Carl W. Anderson, American Trust Co. Bldg., Burlingame, Calif., Burlingame 1-2569.

(Endorsed) Filed Feb. 13, 1947. W. H. Augustus, Clerk; by Madeline S. Zeller, Deputy Clerk.

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Candy Passed

The traditional five-pound box of candy was passed at the last Allentian Society meeting to announce the engagement of Shirley Marie Lorber to Louis Paul Martini. Formal announcement of the engagement was made by Miss Lorber's mother, Mrs. Albert Benson of San Jose, at a birthday dinner in honor of the bride-elect at Louis's Village in San Jose on Sunday, Mar. 2.

Shirley is a graduate of Sequoia High School and is now a senior at San Jose State College, majoring in industrial arts and education. He was a lieutenant in the air corps for two years. Social affiliations at college include Delta Theta Omega fraternity.

No definite plans have been made for the wedding although Miss Nancy Ann Jiles has been named as maid of honor.

Guests at the dinner were Mrs. Louis Martini, mother of the future groom; Mr. and Mrs. William Eastman, his sister and brother-in-law, of Santa Cruz; James E. Benson, brother of the bride-elect; Robert J. Smith, Shirley's uncle, Friends present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eiles of Atherton, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Blakeley and Mr. Andy Blakeley of Redwood City; Misses Jean Louise Baltz, Carmel Liboniti, Jessie Van Austran and Mr. Harold McStatt, Mrs. John Parsons, Mrs. Hazel Pfander, all of San Jose; Mr. John Berutti of Santa Cruz, and Miss Jackie Marty of San Francisco.

Paper Collected

Collections in the Ravenswood School District paper drive Sunday raised the total amount collected to eight tons, Col. Joseph L. Connolly, chairman of the recreation commission of Southeast San Mateo County, announced Tuesday.

Five tons were collected the preceding week and another collection is planned for Apr. 13.

Proceeds from sale of the paper will be used to help pay for the site of the proposed East Palo Alto Recreation Center and to help finance activities of the Boy Scout Troop 163, sponsored by the Belle Haven City Post 472, American Legion.

Plan Tea

The San Carlos Circle of St. Peter's Episcopal Church is making elaborate plans for the first in a series of Lenten teas to be held on Mar. 14 from 2 until 4:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Charles Bersinger, 154 Keltan Ave., San Carlos. Cohostess will be Mrs. H. W. Gregory.

The second silver tea will be held at the home of Mrs. Leon Savage.

"...I do not believe any business, particularly in a growing State like California, can intelligently make a budget three years in advance. Neither can the Legislature, intelligently and fairly, appropriate money more than two years in advance."

GOVERNOR EARL WARREN*
October 8, 1946

Pair Jailed

Two South San Francisco men are in county jail Tuesday in connection with the attempted rape of a Portland, Ore., girl who recently came to San Francisco to look for a job.

In custody are Carl O. Daniel Jr., 20, and Ben A. Ramirez, 21, both of whom work for a wire rope company in South San Francisco.

They were arrested after Elizabeth Duval, 18, reported to San Francisco police that three men had forced her into a car Saturday afternoon, drove her down the Peninsula and attempted to rape her.

The girl told sheriff's officers that she and a girl friend went to San Francisco beach near Seal Rocks Saturday afternoon, and that her friend left her. Three men in a car picked her up and followed her around the beach for two hours.

They finally stopped, parked the car and two of the men got out and said they wanted to apologize to her. Thereupon she said they shoved her into the car, drove down Skyline Blvd. to the Burlingame Hills area where they attempted to rape her. She was badly beaten and forced her into a car Saturday afternoon, drove her down the Peninsula and attempted to rape her.

After she resisted they drove her back to San Francisco and released her.

Dep. Sheriff Paul Jensen, using as a clue a bottle of wine which the men had bought in San Bruno, was in getting on the trail and made the arrest. The girl told him that one of the men held her in the car while the others went into the liquor store to buy the wine.

He had remembered seeing the men there on previous occasions.

Date Set

An engagement announced during the Christmas holiday season will culminate in marriage on Mar. 23 at the Stanford Memorial Church, when Miss Barbara Johnson was announced at a luncheon in December at the Allied Arts Guild.

Barbara, called "BJ" by her intimates, is the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Menlo Park. The engagement was announced at a luncheon in December at the Allied Arts Guild.

Dr. Smith, son of Mrs. Jay Ward Smith of Palo Alto and the late Mr. Smith, served for four years in the medical corps overseas and at the time of his discharge last November he held the rank of captain. A Stanford graduate, he is now associated with the Stanford Lane Hospital in San Francisco.

"BJ" first attended schools in Punahou in Honolulu, where the Johnsons formerly resided, her father being a captain with the Matson Steamship Lines. She was graduated from Castellote, attended the Dominican College, and is now at San Mateo Junior College.

She has served as president of the Teen Age Juniors of the Woodside-Atherton Auxiliary of the Stanford Convalescent Home.

Attendants for the wedding have not, as yet, been named.

Presents Plan

The time has come to merge the nations of the world into one government. It must be done to ward off Fascism, and to prevent destruction of civilization and perhaps all mankind by total scientific warfare.

So warned Fritz Thygeson, senior Sequoia student and representative of Student Federalists, organization of between 5000 and 6000 high school and college students seeking world government. He addressed the Redwood City Exchange Club last Tuesday.

Youth is cynical, he said, because of the inability of the nations of the world to underwrite world peace after the last war.

The movement for world government follows the same path blazed by U.S. Federalists who led the original colonies into a United States of America, Thygeson declared. Student Federalists would transform the United Nations into a world government with the power to prevent war.

He outlined certain fundamental changes in the UN charter necessary to accomplish the purpose. First would be creation of a world police force, representing the world government, and designed to keep the peace. Such force would obviate the necessity of the nations warring against "aggressors" to maintain the peace. Thygeson suggested that no secession from the world government be permitted; that the world government would control all weapons of mass destruction; and that most international differences could be settled by a world supreme court.

National armies would be reduced to the number necessary to maintain internal peace and order.

Russia, Thygeson said it was not clear to him whether Russia fears capitalist encirclement or is bent on world conquest.

"In any event it would be better to settle our difference in a world parliament than to toss atomic bombs at each other," he declared.

The young speaker was introduced by Al Terremore.

George Duffy, realtor, was inducted to membership in the Exchange Club by Dist. Gov. C. S. Sinclair of San Francisco. Sinclair was accompanied by a delegation from the San Francisco club.

The Redwood City club will celebrate its 21st birthday next Tuesday.

Who's Kidding?

Everybody's getting in the act. First it was a chicken which laid five-ounce eggs, then a chicken laying a double egg. Not to be outdone by its feathered rivals, a Redwood City goat gave birth to five kids a few days ago. According to proud owner, Tony Boicelli, 2562 El Camino, this is very unusual for goats ordinarily have only two or three kids.

Boicelli, who keeps the goats for milk purposes, said the animal is 3 years old.

BEILMONT (Reported by Bldg. Insp. John Smith)

To Date This Year \$488,300 NEW PERMITS D. H. Brachman, 2632 Mezes Ave.; \$250 addition.

Troth Told

At a family dinner last Thursday night, Mr. and Mrs. Santo Berger of San Francisco announced the engagement of their daughter, Ann, to Richard Piombo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Piombo of Menlo Park. This is the second engagement in the Piombo family in the last month, for on Feb. 15 the engagement of Anita Piombo to Joseph Dematteis was told.

Guests at the dinner included the parents of the engaged couple, Mr. and Mrs. Carlo DeMaestri and Mr. Augustino de Mattei, Richard's grandfather.

The bride-elect was graduated with honors from St. Rose Academy in 1943 and has been employed by the Hibernia Bank in San Francisco for the past three years.

Richard, who is a graduate of Sequoia High School, served for two and a half years as a sergeant in the army, seeing action in Germany. At present he is employed by the Piombo Construction Co.

No wedding plans have been made as yet.

News Told

Wedding plans have been announced for Annabelle Lee Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Crawford, Toledo, O., and Allen J. Mierly, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Mierly, 910 Heller St., Redwood City.

The date is set for Mar. 15 in Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Toledo with the Rev. James A. Thomas officiating. Rev. Dombrady will be the organist and Evelyn Martin, cousin of the bride, will sing.

Viola Curnow will be matron of honor and Betty Scott, Joan McEwen, Marjorie Stoll, Dorothy McDonald will be bridesmaids. James E. McEwen will be best man. Ushers will include Richard Grapoff, Willard Oberlin, Butler, Ind., cousin of the bridegroom, and James Ball and Robert Whitmeyer, Elkhardt, Ind.

A reception in Swiss Hall will follow the ceremony. The young couple will come by plane to Redwood City where they plan to live.

Forum Letter

To the Editor: We greatly appreciate the space allotted to our publicity releases by your newspaper, and wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent and generous cooperation.

Yours sincerely, MAY R. GORDON, Publicity Chairman, San Carlos Parent-Teacher Assn.

Kite Kontest

The San Mateo County Recreation and Parks Commission is sponsoring a countywide kite tournament and kite-flying contest at Flood Park on Saturday, Mar. 29.

The events will draw together the winners and runners-up from a series of elimination tournaments to be held at various schools and recreation centers throughout the county.

There will be three classifications of competition: boys 9 years old and younger; boys 10, 11 and 12 years old; and boys 13 years old and over.

The marble tournament will follow the rules as stated in the Cub Scout Manual while the kite-flying contest will be conducted on a point basis with such items as most novel kite, best constructed kite, first kite to get into the air and highest flying kite all being taken into consideration.

There will also be a contest for the smallest kite that will actually fly.

All kites must be made by the boys themselves with only those in the youngest group being permitted to have adult assistance. Neither ready-made kites nor kites assembled from purchased kites will be eligible.

The marble tournament is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and the kite-flying at 1:30 p.m. Boys interested in participating are advised to contact their school principal or recreation director for particulars and time of their local elimination tourney.

Rummage Sale

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church will have a rummage sale on Mar. 14 and 15 in the Social Hall of the church. Doors will be opened promptly at 9 o'clock and clothing and household articles will be offered for sale. Mrs. Ernest Baker is chairman in charge of arrangements.

On Saturday the sale will be conducted by the young people of the church and all proceeds will benefit the youth activities.

Sales on Sub

The Ninth Naval District announces that Ralph C. Beardslee, signman first class and son of R. C. Beardslee 211 Park St., Redwood City, is now serving on the submarine USS Flying Fish in the Atlantic.

Beardslee entered the navy in March, 1941, and received his training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego. Since that time, he has served on the cruisers Northampton, Louisville, Nashville, and Honolulu, the navy reports.



No more of this!

Sometimes the mistake of cheap and sub-standard house wiring is more quickly felt than seen. And its faults are as striking as a blow on the head.

In a good, modern house wiring job a lot of thought should be given to how you and your family are going to use that house for your comfort, convenience and safety. This forethought helps avoid dark halls, closets and stairways, dipping lights from overloaded circuits or the stringing of long, unsightly cords.

When you build or remodel, check these five important elements in good and adequate wiring:

1. enough outlets for lamps and appliances.
2. proper placement of outlets.
3. enough switches.
4. adequate wire size (at least No. 12 size).
5. plenty of circuits for present and future needs.

Write in or come in to any P. G. and E. office for details on "Certified Adequate Wiring" and get your copy of the 16-page booklet—"Electricity in Your Home Plans."

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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Wins Suit

A former Hillsborough house-keeper who charged that she had worked for little or no wages during depression years was awarded \$570 by a superior court jury late Friday.

The jury, in the court of Judge Clark Clement, returned a 9 to 3 verdict in favor of Mrs. Josephine Horacek, former housekeeper for Mr. and Mrs. Victor B. Smith of San Francisco, who formerly lived at 984 Balleja Rd., Hillsborough.

Mrs. Horacek charged that she went to work for the couple in 1928 for \$75 a month, room and board. In 1930, Mrs. Horacek said her employers told her that they had met financial reverses and would have to cut her salary. They promised her, she said, that they would make up the difference when conditions improved.

She charged that she worked for the next five years for an average of \$12 a month, and the five years after that without pay.

Mrs. Horacek said that her employers agreed during this time to take care of her in her old age. On this promise, she stated, she continued to serve them until January, 1945, getting only about \$12 a month during the last five-year period.

In January, 1945, she charged that she was discharged, that Mr. and Mrs. Smith packed her belongings and ejected her from her room.

Mrs. Horacek had sued for \$11,600 which she claimed was due her in back wages.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith told the court that it was true that they had cut Mrs. Horacek's wages from time to time during the depression, but that they had told her that she was free to leave them for other employment at any time.

They also contended that they had taken care of Mrs. Horacek during periods of illness, and that she had moved with them to San Francisco. They denied that they had promised to pay her the difference between her starting salary and her depression pay.

Smith worked in the export department of the Sperry Flour Co. in San Francisco, Mrs. Horacek now is working in San Mateo.

To Select Architect

The possibility of using the Coyote Point Merchant Marine Cadet School buildings to house the County Health and Welfare Department was advanced Wednesday by Alvin S. Hatch, chairman of the board of supervisors.

Hatch said that the use of the buildings for health department administration would relieve congestion of office space at the courthouse. The health and welfare department is the county's largest agency and occupies a large part of the first floor and basement of the courthouse.

The cadet school also could be used to house the county's aged indigent persons, 50 of whom are now being cared for in homes at a high cost, Hatch said.

Hatch declared that he has talked the matter over with Dr. Charles C. Gans, director of the health and welfare department. Dr. Gans told him, Hatch said, that the idea was feasible and that he would support it.

The school is to be discontinued by June 30, and the county has been negotiating for it for possible use as a recreation area. Hatch today said that part of the property could be used for recreation, and part by the San Mateo Junior College, which also would like some of the buildings for classroom space.

The property has not yet been turned over to the War Assets Administration for disposal, but the county has asked congressmen to aid in securing title to it when it comes up for sale. The county had donated about 10 acres of land to the federal government for the establishment of the cadet school.

Forum Letter

To the Editor: Sunday, Mar. 2, while waiting at the Maple St. crossing, I witnessed the most terrifying moment of my life. I was in my car waiting for a freight train to pass, as the train had about cleared the crossing the red spotlight lighted and the bell signifying two trains started to ring. At that moment a streamliner came roaring down the track about a block away. There was a car waiting on the other side of the track, and also a car behind me.

When the streamliner was about 150 feet from the crossing the car on the other side of the track decided to cross the track. Seeing what was about to happen, I opened the door on the driver's side of my car preparing to jump to safety, but the train missed the car by about three feet.

Brother, my heart was in my mouth as I proceeded across the track. After traveling about a half a block the car behind pulled up alongside. He grinned as he recognized me and shouted, "Bet that guy got an awful scare."

After seeing this near-miss, this citizen is more than ever convinced that something should be done to insure the safety of the public at railroad crossings.

D. F. PETERS

PG&E Strike

The U. S. Conciliation Service Wednesday threw its weight behind a renewed collective bargaining and conciliation to settle a contract controversy between Pacific Gas & Electric and the CIO Utility Workers Union.

CIO Utility Workers Union, Local 137, representing San Mateo County, was one of the locals which Monday mailed a 30-day notice of intention to strike.

The union seeks a 25-cent hourly increase and other benefits. AFL workers have signed a contract rejected by the CIO.

Dir. Edgar L. Warren of the conciliation service Wednesday asked both the company and union to consider voluntary arbitration. Associated Press reported.

A company spokesman said PG&E would consider wage arbitration but not of pensions or group insurance.

Lynn Hames, national union representative, said his group was willing to arbitrate all points in addition to the wage increases asked for workers in 200 classifications, the union has demanded changes in the present pension plan and adoption of a group health insurance plan.

Books

The plume of our booklist this week is Paul and Doris Allen's *Build Your Own Adobe* published by the Stanford University Press. The Allers and their daughter built with their own hands a weekend country house, a garage, and garden walls on their acre of land in Santa Cruz County. Every detail of the building process is amply described from the making of the waterproof blocks to wiring, plumbing, and fireplace construction. The book is wonderfully illustrated with photographs and diagrams. It is not only the answer to all problems in adobe building, but it is an entertaining, delightfully written book of an inspiring adventure in home-making.

U. S. Camera Annual 1947. The new U. S. Camera Annual covers a greater scope than any of the previous editions of this great photographic book. There are two sections: one of news and one of fine pictures. Accompanying the news pictures is the text which summarizes a year of amazing events in an unsettled world.

The Spear in the Sand by R. C. Faure. A young man is marooned on a Pacific island beyond the reaches of civilization. He is without the companionship of any other human being and without hope of rescue.

Just his right to fight for his story, this is a beautiful descriptive prose just how he entertains himself from day to day by studying the tropical life of land and sea. A book for the seafaring reader.

Walls of Jericho by Paul Wellman. This novel of a small American city in Kansas is another with the ever fascinating theme of the unscrupulous but charming woman.

Algeria is consumed with ambition for her husband. To bring about her desires she destroys the best thing in his life and sets the entire town ablaze.

Under the Red Sea Sun by Comdr. Edward Ellsberg. This author of many of our most readable sea adventures writes this personal narrative of his war experiences. The day after Pearl Harbor he volunteered for active duty in the navy. He was assigned to the command of salvaging the account of how ships are raised and of the great dangers constantly confronting divers and surface workers.

Rasmusen's Book of One-Arm Cookery by Mary Lasswell. Mrs. Rasmusen of Suds in Your Eyes fame, with asides from Mrs. Feely and Miss Tinkham, serve up some good recipes and some very good laughs of the kind you would expect from these now famous sources.

Care of the Dog by Will Judy. The third large edition, revised, of one of the most popular books ever published for dog owners. It offers expert practical advice from the author's 25 years of active experience in the dog field.

A Treasury of Laughter edited by Louis Untermeyer. Seven hundred pages "consisting of humorous stories, poems, essays, tall tales, famous jokes, boners, epigrams, memorable quips, and devastating crushers." Louis Untermeyer's, unusual and charmingly conceived anthology will prove a much needed antidote to a surfeit of writing on the horrors of war and the uncertainties of the future.

Lions Organizing A Lions Club is being organized in the City of Belmont at present, according to Atwood Lawrence, representative of the Lions International, who is in the West at present making arrangements for a national convention of the Lions to be held in San Francisco this July.

The club is being sponsored by the San Carlos Lions Club, and Lawrence is aiding in the organization.

An organizational meeting of prospective members is to be held next Thursday night for the purpose of giving a background of Lionsism, electing officers, and setting a date for a charter night. The meeting is to be held at 8:00 at Painter's Hall in Belmont.

Lawrence said that the members of the San Carlos club will be present at the organizational meeting as well as Past Dist. Gov. Daniel O'Connell of San Mateo, Dep. Dist. Gov. Les Harte of Burlingame, and Zone Chairman, Joe Territo of Redwood City.

Lions Clubs have been organized recently in Saratoga, Half Moon Bay, Willow Glen, and South San Francisco, Lawrence said.

Off to Sweden

Mr. and Mrs. Sven Nielsen of Carmelita Dr. are leaving this week by plane for New York City where they will board the Gripsholm for a visit to Copenhagen, Denmark, and Sweden.

The Nielsens will visit in Sweden with Mr. Nielsen's parents. This will be the first time in 40 years that he has seen his mother.

Both of the Nielsens have been very active in the American Legion. Mr. Nielsen has served as commander in San Carlos and as an official in a San Francisco post. Mrs. Nielsen is an auxiliary member.

Active in the San Carlos Manor group, they belonged to the first folk dancing club in San Carlos. As former chairman of the Manor Improvement Club, Mr. Nielsen is now a member of the road committee.

The couple expects to be away for several months.

Recruits Sign

Col. W. R. Woodward, acting assistant inspector general for the Sixth Army Thursday night inspected the local national guard unit at the Belmont Armory.

Personnel and officers were found to meet requirements required by the army and federal recognition was given the unit now will be able to draw equipment of all types from the army.

Recruits signing up Thursday night were N. W. Kingler, San Bruno; L. Lyons, Menlo Park; W. Bruno; J. Johnson, Menlo Park; Bill East-born, San Carlos; Ed Frietgar, Redwood City, and Mike Wheldon, Burlingame.

The guard unit meets every Thursday night at the Belmont Armory.

Suit Filed

The Rockaway Quarry Assn. won a civil suit already pending against it, was faced with two other suits filed Tuesday in superior court as a result of alleged damage done to homes in the area by blasting operations.

The new suits were filed by five residents of Rockaway Beach and their demands total \$43,000. The residents who filed today are Charles Gust, John H. Gooden, Charles Gust, John H. Gooden, E. Howat, who filed joint action, and a separate suit by Arthur Alonso.

Named as defendants were the Rockaway Quarry Assn., Horace Hills and Jack Lloyd.

The plaintiffs charge that the quarry was negligent in excavating and blasting operations on Nov. 2 of last year and Feb. 3 this year. They claim that the blasts caused violent concussions and vibrations which caused the land to "tremble" in the nature of an earthquake, and cracked windows, plastering and otherwise damaged the houses. They also claim that the houses were blanketed by dust from the quarry.

Alonso also charges that his house which is 200 yards from the quarry suffered especially severe damage. He claims that the windows have been jarred from their sockets.

Window panes, a mirror cabinet door and a barbecue pit cracked. He also charges that his family has been unable to sleep and that their health has been impaired.

In addition to the money damages, they ask for an order to show cause why the quarry should not be forbidden to carry on blasting operations.

Pending in court is another suit by Mr. and Mrs. James Alex, who are asking \$25,000 for damages they claim was done to their home by the quarry's blasting.

Named to Post

Announcement was made today by Eugene S. Selva, president of the San Mateo County Tuberculosis and Health Assn., of the appointment of an assistant to Mrs. Ruth Close, executive secretary, so that work of the organization may be continued as permitted by a gain in returns from the annual Christmas Seal sale.

The new staff worker is Miss Claire Slattery, for the past 5 1/2 years a representative in northern counties for the California Tuberculosis Assn.

Miss Slattery, a 1939 graduate of the University of Oregon, from which she holds a master's degree, is a physical education teacher, taught school 12 years and 2 years ago was in recreation work.

Since joining the state organization, she has been engaged exclusively in tuberculosis work, handling organization, health education, seal sales, case finding and follow-up in the northern part of the state. As a result, according to Selva, she has qualifications which will enable her to help Mrs. Close in intensifying the San Mateo County association's fight against tuberculosis. She will also have charge of future seal sales.

The 1946 sale resulted in an increase for 1947 of more than \$5000 over the amount available last year to carry on the association's work. The need for an addition to the staff has been felt for some time, Selva said, but funds had not previously been available. Selva expressed appreciation to the people of San Mateo County for increasing their contributions so that the expansion could be made possible.

Principal activity of the association continues to be the case-finding with the mobile X-ray laboratory, which is now visiting industrial plants as well as schools to take free chest X-rays. Next week it will be available two evenings for adults to have their chests X-rayed. On Monday evening it will be at the association office, 115 South Ellsworth Ave., San Mateo, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and on Friday evening during the same hours will be at the courthouse in Redwood City.

Quits Board

Clarence W. Peterson has resigned as a trustee of the San Mateo Union High School Dist. and is to be succeeded by Francis T. Letchfield, a former board member.

Peterson, who was elected to the board last year, tendered his resignation to Pansy Jewett Abbott, superintendent of schools, late yesterday, giving ill health as his reason for leaving the post.

At the same time the county superintendent received a request from the remaining four members of the board for the appointment of Letchfield.

Letchfield is a vice president and consulting engineer of the Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco and resides with his family in San Mateo at 431 Fulton Rd.

After serving nine years as a member of the union high school district board he tendered his resignation in June of 1942 when he was called to Washington to become an official of the National Defense Research Commission, an organization which devised secret weapons of warfare. He served as chief technical aide in this work.

Carnival Planned

A carnival sponsored by the Washington School Parent-Teacher Assn. will be held on Mar. 28 as night when 21 members showed up.

Big business transacted was finalizing plans for Commuters' fathers- and sons- and daughters dinner and sons attended the cafeteria Thursday, Mar. 13. Piece resistance - bubble gum for all!

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Service Cut

The Martin Transportation Co. announces that starting Mar. 10 it will make only two trips daily on route "D." According to R. F. Martin, owner of the company, this has been necessitated because of losses on the route since its inauguration.

Under the new schedule, the first SP depot here at 9:40 and return at 10:35. The second bus will leave at 11:30 and return at 12:35.

Route "D" runs to Ravenswood via Middlefield Rd., to Menlo Park, Alameda Ave., and Selby Ln.

Commuter News

BY JOE CABOOSE
"Always late on the train!" Now we've heard everything. Probation Officer John S. Cowgill renders his annual report on juvenile delinquency and solemnly lists the following as one of the reasons why our young people were heading for the big time last year.

In 1946 as in 1945: "Paternal neglect of children BY FATHERS WHO COMMUTE to their jobs in San Francisco and see their children only during the weekend." (Quoted from the Redwood City Tribune. The caps are ours.)

How do you like that?

A San Francisco newspaper quotes it this way: "The fact that commuting fathers have little time for their children except on weekends and a tendency for too great proportion of the job of raising the children to be thrust on the mother."

The "mother angle" (everybody loves his mother) must have been a direct quote from the report. We tried twice Saturday to contact Mr. Cowgill to get his own version and to find out how the commuters were contributing to the ruination of the youth of the community; but he was not to be found, either at his office or his home.

Mr. Cowgill must have statistics. In fact, we might add, he better had.

Commuters are inured to such charges as obstructing civic progress, opposing industrialization, planning to dynamite the port, putting slugs in parking meters and turning on false fire alarms; it is even suspected they are responsible for the dry winter and the second world war. But — being accused of trebling the county's juvenile delinquency cases is really something new.

If the whole thing were not so desperately serious, we might suggest that Mr. Cowgill had been reading Shakespeare and decided to ring in a comedy relief scene. However stupid and ridiculous, the charges certainly are not funny. They become particularly unfunny when it is remembered that this segment of our citizenry was given widespread publicity in all Bay Area newspapers and broadcast generally by press associations and radio.

Of course, Redwood City is not the county. But we believe commuters in Redwood City are typical of the county. Cowgill says 75 percent of the delinquents are boys. County Boy Scout Superintendent Barrer of San Mateo will tell you that no group has done more for boys, scouting and cubbing than the commuters. Troop 180 and Pack 16 are sponsored by commuters. Troop 12 (Mr. Carmel) although not sponsored by the Commuters Club, has a governing committee composed wholly of "commuting fathers." Commuters are active in, or predominate on, many other scout and cub committees throughout the county.

The Teen-Age Center, aside from the work done by the students themselves, has been largely a commuter project under the direction of Chmn. Elmer K. Ross of the recreation commission. Wonder how Elmer, and Bert Morgan (planning commission), Tom Cutting (board of review), Bill McKeehan (library commission), A. Kimberly (traffic commission), Councilman Chester Armstrong, and a score of scout and cubmasters and committee men — all "commuting fathers" — are taking Mr. Cowgill's charges that they are contributing to the delinquency of our children.

A new high in asininity was reached when the report stated "commuting fathers have little time for their children except on weekends." If this represents the level of mentality that is directing our county probation office, it is no wonder that we have juvenile delinquency in shocking amounts. The average commuter has far more time at home than the average merchant or tannery worker, or grog-shop operator. The average commuter leaves home at 7:30 a.m. and is back again at 6 p.m. And thousands of them don't work at all on Saturdays. How many merchants and shop-keepers have such hours?

Why did not Mr. Cowgill stick to facts and fundamentals? He was hotter than a pistol when he cited the "alarming increase in divorces," the "increase in pornographic magazines," and "religious illiteracy." Why did he have to reach out and smear a large group of decent, self-respecting citizens? It's our guess that Mr. Cowgill hasn't heard the last of this report.

Col. Vince Malone of the Commuters Red Cross team says their work was completed Sunday save for a few back-backs; believes they did as well as last year. Figures to be announced later.

Keegan announced appointment of Bernom Ballard as new cubmaster of Pack 16. . . . Eighty-three fathers and sons attended the annual blue and gold cubs' dinner at the Methodist Church social hall last week. . . . A new record for house committee attendance was set at Harold Donnelly's home Thursday night when 21 members showed up.

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Report Praised

John S. Cowgill, chief probation officer, said Tuesday his annual report for last year received two-county approbation.

Stanford University wants to make his report, which outlined the causes of juvenile delinquency, and suggested remedies, part of the university's social service archives.

Cowgill has been asked to discuss the findings of his report and the work of his department with organizations in both San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. He will speak Friday at the Conference of Social Workers in San Jose.

Three San Mateo citizens suggested using facilities to be abandoned by the merchant marine cadet school at Coyote point for a boys camp for which the report named the need.

Cowgill, however, believes that the school is too close to San Mateo, and pointed out that the San Mateo Junior College and the County Recreation Commission already had plans for making use of the facilities.

He said that he would ask Frederick Peterson, county executive, if the abandoned navy gunnery school at Montara could be used as a boys' camp.

Out of a score of responses to the annual report, there was only one unfavorable one, Cowgill said. "Joe Caboose," in the Commuters Column in the Tribune Monday objected to the report's blaming commuting fathers for paying too little attention to their children.

Cowgill said that he will ask for money in the coming fiscal budget for an additional staff member to take over the new juvenile home as assistant superintendent.

Reads Review

"Lydia Bailey" a historical novel by Kenneth Roberts, was reviewed by Mrs. S. S. Mayo, when the Faculty Wives of Sequoia High School met on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Edwin J. Spence on Elwood St. with 25 members present.

Mrs. Mayo reviewed the story of the novel which is based on the Barbary War during the early 19th Century.

Cohostesses with Mrs. Spence were Mrs. Phillip Mazlin and Cecil Kyle.

Halt Fire

Redwood City firemen extinguished a chimney fire at 34 Central Ave., the home of Valentino Gerbi, at 7:45 a.m. today. There was little damage.

Book Reviewed

"Peace of Mind" by Joshua Loth Liebman, a discussion of the ills of our time, was reviewed by Mrs. H. C. Ray of Palo Alto yesterday afternoon before the members of the Redwood City Woman's Club in the next to the last of a series of monthly book reviews presented by the Literature Section.

Mrs. Ray, who was introduced by Mrs. Evelyn H. Carlson, section chairman, said that in "Peace of Mind" Mr. Liebman attempts to lead a patient toward mental health. "Today we need peace in the world — both social and international, as cooperatives, impossible so long as hate is the ruling factor," she said. "Mr. Liebman attempts to give helpful answers to the dilemma."

In the first chapter "Questing Inward," Mr. Liebman states "We have to know what to us is the good of life . . . set values to include mature facts of life. He explains how peace is a fortress against disaster, doubt and cynicism . . . why it is a sanctuary from confusion to give courage to face and solve problems. Neither through creative art, escape through alcohol, sensual indulgence, fame, nor wealth, nor being busy nor even human love can peace of mind be obtained permanently, he states, but through spiritual meditation and scientific observation.

Science and religion, usually at war, should work together for the unity of man together with love, tolerance and a cordial effort to understand other persons' beliefs.

Religion and psychology working together will give a most beautiful and most necessary pattern for life," added Mrs. Ray.

The second book reviewed briefly yesterday was "Thieves in the Night," by Arthur Koestler, a picture of the Jews in Palestine and the story of Joseph, who goes to Palestine as a columnist and his transformation from a peace-loving man into a fighter and a destroyer.

Excerpts from "The Prophet" by Kahil Gibran, a book of poetry, were read by Mrs. Ray to conclude the program. Beautiful verses included the subjects "Love," "Children," "Joy and Sorrow," "Pain" and "Teaching."

"502" Charge

Robert T. Edmundson, 25, 29-A Hoff St., San Francisco, a bus driver, was arrested by Redwood City police Friday on a charge of drunken driving.

Apprehended at Jefferson Ave. and Hudson St. at 3 p.m., he was sentenced today to pay a \$150 fine or spend 30 days in the San Mateo County jail.

Initiate

Ten men were initiated into Redwood City Aerie 418, Fraternal Order of Eagles last Friday at the IOOF Hall during a visit by Past Grand Worthy Pres. Edward F. Foss of Toledo, O.

The initiates are Laurie J. Vinc, Joseph Klier, Salvador Caballero, Lewis Clanton, George S. Wick, Carlyle B. Whitman, Herman Trice, Jay M. Hillon, Virgil C. Harkins and Harry Schwartz.

Foss, who is touring the Pacific Coast States, spoke on three ways that the Eagles could assist in making the United States a better place to live: Assistance to the wounded war veterans and to families of war dead, assistance in providing recreation and proper home life for juveniles to cut down on the increasing number of crimes being committed by adolescents, and by moving cautiously so as to avert economic chaos which might follow the postwar prosperity.

Foss was accompanied by James Gallagher, president of the Oakland chapter of Eagles. Others in the audience of more than 100 were delegates from San Mateo and Mountain View.

Initiation was under direction of the group's degree team consisting of Alton Croyer, O. S. Oleson, Frank Smith, Charles White, Vincent DeBelle and Hilton Gibson.

Pres. D. F. Peters presided. A spaghetti dinner was served by Joe Sodini following the meeting.

Election Date

Elections for directors will be held Mar. 25 in two water districts in San Mateo County, the board of supervisors was notified during its meeting Tuesday.

Two directors will be picked for the Belmont County Water District and two for the North Coast County Water District. Four candidates are entered in each of the districts. The polling in the Belmont Water District will be at the city hall in Belmont. The candidates are Hardy W. Hannibal, Lee Robert Gamblitz, Russell G. Smith and Lloyd W. Taft.

In the North Coast Water District two polling places will be provided, at the home of Mrs. Jack Dressen, Edgemar; and at the Sharp Park fire house. The candidates are Joseph H. Germain, Lewis R. Schroyer, Bruce B. McIntyre and Robert X. Siebert.

The supervisors Tuesday also re-appointed Mrs. Ruth Bradley to a four-year term as commissioner of the San Mateo County Housing Authority.

Tell Theme

"New World" is the theme of the Junior League Fashion Show which will take place at the Mark Hopkins after the afternoon of Tuesday, Mar. 18.

Mrs. Francis V. Keesling Jr., general chairman for the event, explained the choice of idea by saying, "The whole world has changed more in the last five years than in the 25 preceding years. Certainly the war and its aftermath have given us a whole new set of standards . . . So far as fashion is concerned, a whole new group of designers has appeared . . . fashion capitals of the world have shifted . . . air travel . . . has given us a completely new way of dressing. This is the first season since the Spring of 1942 that designers have worked without government restrictions . . . that the fashion capitals have really been able to contribute new ideas on a near-normal basis."

The theme will keynote the whole production in the traditionally great social event of the spring season which is being resumed for the first time since the war. Fritz, the maitre d' at the Mark Hopkins, is taking reservations.

A new note will be the three well known personalities, Margo Trumbull, Paul Speegle and Yvonne Peattie, who will commentate during the afternoon.

Flicks Shown

At the February meeting of the San Carlos Chapter No. 551, Order of Eastern Star, held recently at Laurel Hall a special tribute was paid to the flag in an impressive ceremony. Laura R. Prince, worthy matron, and Ferd Prince, worthy patron, presided.

The hall and banquet room were decorated in keeping with the patriotic theme of the evening. After the meeting two sound films were shown of Josef Hofmann, pianist, and a technicolor film entitled "America the Beautiful." Refreshments were served following the entertainment.

Trial Set

Trial for Harry J. Hutchinson, Stanford student living at Stanford Village, who is charged with failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian, has been set by Menlo Park city judge Edward J. Ryan for 7:30 p.m. Mar. 18.

Hutchinson was driving the car which reportedly struck and injured Mrs. Beatrice Lambeth, 718 Live Oak Ave., Menlo Park, during heavy Stanford Village-to-campus

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Springtime for Henry, John and Joe came to the Veterans' Palo Alto Hospital last week when the Gray Lady Corps of the Red Cross, San Mateo County Chapter, entertained veterans at the February birthday party. Springtime came in the form of a birthday cake decorated with red and white pastry roses, inscribed with Happy Birthday phrases and accompanied by eskimo pies. Happiness came to the party in the guise of hurrying figures carved in Gray Lady uniform. "The Man on the Flying Trapeze" also came to the party. On a bicycle built for two, Mrs. Harriet Downer, presiding at the piano, responded to spontaneous calls for special musical numbers, from the birthday celebrants.

In response to a vote, "Calling All Bingo Players," groups congregate in the recreation rooms for a bang-up game of Bingo. Prizes included bags of peanuts, assorted candy bars, cigarettes, cards, soap and tooth brushes. Checker, pinocle games and True-View Travel Tours added to the gaiety of the occasion.

Through the generosity of Mrs. H. A. Moore, personalized birthday cards were distributed to the honor guests. Each card was accompanied by a candy trunk as special birthday gift.

One of the many important services rendered by the Red Cross, which serves in peace as well as war, the Gray Lady Corps is one of the volunteer, special services organized to provide recreation and to build morale for servicemen long recuperating in the veterans' hospitals," said Mrs. Rudolph Baum, local corps captain. "It is but a small return to these men who have served their country so well. We corps members come home tired but happy after one of these busy Mondays at the hospital, feeling that we have been well rewarded by the brave response from veterans who are fighting yet 'another battle' to come back to health."

"The National Red Cross drive for funds began on Saturday, Mar. 1," continued Mrs. Baum, "and we wish that every contributor to the Red Cross Fund could share with us, the joy that lights the faces of our gallant veteran convalescents when they see free America in action; they remember that they fought for that freedom, and they know that they are not, and never will be forgotten."

Among corps members serving at the Monday party were Mrs. Rudolph Baum, Mrs. Richard Reimann, Mrs. Harry Durand, Mrs. Parker Toms, Mrs. Harriet Downer, Mrs. A. M. Weingart, Mrs. H. A. Moore, Mrs. William L. Holloway, Mrs. Edmund E. Wilkins, Mrs. Paul B. Thompson, Mrs. Lawrence D. Hinkley, Mrs. George Lamson, Mrs. Marjorie Dittmar and Mrs. O. V. Burberick.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dyck, 2335 St. Francis Way, San Carlos, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Mar. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Myron R. Brown, 362 Cedar St., San Carlos, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Mar. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dupont, 135 Dumbarton, San Carlos, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Mar. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Nigro, 771 Hudson St., Redwood City, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Mar. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Knickstedt, 1603 Arguello St., Redwood City, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Mar. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hudson, 222 Fifth Ave., Redwood City, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Mar. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Skyline Blvd., Belmont, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Mar. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. William H. Nichols, 54 Madison, San Carlos, a son was born in Mills Memorial Hospital on Mar. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leon Faso, 724 Matadero Rd., Palo Alto, a son was born in Mills Memorial Hospital on Mar. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Barnett, 836 Eighth Ave., Redwood City, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Mar. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Correia, 526 Hudson St., Redwood City, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Mar. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kemp, 627 Nevada St., Redwood City, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on Mar. 2.

Leaves for Stuttgart

Mrs. Charles Milton Hext, the former Kathleen McCarthy, daughter of the Paul McCarthy of this city, left Monday for Stuttgart, Germany, where she will join her husband, Captain Hext, who is now stationed in Europe with the army occupational forces.

Traveling with Mrs. Hext are her three children, Peggy, who is 7; Judy, 5½; and little Pat, who is just 3½ years old. The family will travel by train to New York, where they will embark by boat for their new home. However, a bit of home-like atmosphere will be provided as they have shipped many of their household belongings including their automobile.

Mrs. Hext was the honored guest recently at a luncheon party at the "Chukker" in San Mateo. Hostesses were Meses. Morton Schmidt, Luke Argilla and Kenneth Boscacci. Daffodils decorated the tables and a gift of a robe was presented to the honored guest.

Among those attending were Mrs. Paul McCarthy, Mrs. Hext's mother, and her sister, Mrs. Robert Lautze. Another sister, Mrs. Mark Rowe, was unable to attend.

Others present were Meses. Louis Demattis, Jack Rosch, Leonora Casanova, Harold Lynch, Richard Schmidt, J. W. O'Brien and Roberta Long. Unable to attend, but contributing to the gift were Meses. Richard Lautze, Charles DeLacy, Robert O'Brien and Al Tarrance.

Another recent farewell party given for Mrs. Hext was the luncheon at the home of Mrs. Louis Demattis at 604 Stambaugh St. Daffodils and spring blossoms decorated the tables where the guests, Mrs. Luke Argilla, Mrs. Kenneth Boscacci, Mrs. Al Terremere and Mrs. Morton Schmidt, were seated.

Deny Charge

Harold E. Rhodes and his wife, Ida, San Carlos real estate dealers, pleaded not guilty late Monday charges of grand theft in connection with deposits made with them by prospective property buyers.

Mrs. Rhodes pleaded not guilty to six counts of grand theft; her husband to one. They operate a real estate office under the name of Rhodes Realty.

The pleas were entered after their attorney, Wayne H. Millington, had argued a demurrer before Superior Judge Aylett E. Cotton. Millington had contended that the charges should be clarified as to whether they mean actual theft or embezzlement.

Judge Cotton denied the demurrer. The two are accused of having accepted deposits from clients, but with failure either to transfer the property or refund the money. Several civil suits against them also are on file in superior court.

Judge Cotton also set for Mar. 27 the trial of Alexander O. Romero and John P. Tantarelli of San Francisco. The pair had pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery in the holdup of a San Mateo drugstore where \$95 was taken.

Across the corridor, Superior Judge Edmund Scott meted out each year of probation for each of two youths who had admitted taking 20 leather jackets from the Poetsch & Peterson Tannery in South San Francisco.

Julio E. Gallagos was an employee of the tannery and Donald J. Halseth a high school student. Both are 18, and live in South San Francisco. Gallagos told the judge that he took the jackets, valued at \$400, because he needed money due to strike at the tannery. Judge Scott granted them probation but "promised" that if they get into further trouble he would send them to San Quentin.

Orville E. Braswell and his cousin, William E. Braswell, will be sentenced on Mar. 17 for car theft, Judge Scott ruled. The two had pleaded guilty to stealing a car from a Redwood City car lot, and yesterday asked for probation.

Kenneth Deal of Redwood City was arraigned on a charge of burglary from a Redwood City residence. Deal was charged with taking a car lot, and yesterday asked for probation.

June Kincaid, 60-year-old Negro cook, also was arraigned on two counts of arson. The San Mateo man is accused of having set fire to the car and home of his erstwhile girl friend, Mrs. Velma Scott, 1844 Clarendon St. in San Mateo. His case also was continued until next Monday.

Rites Read

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leifer, 626 Alameda de las Pulgas was the setting for a wedding on Saturday night when their niece, Miss Gayle Thurman, became the bride of Jerry T. Morgan of Byron, Cal.

The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tharman of San Francisco and Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan of Byron, parents of the bride, were present for the ceremony.

Greens, candles, white stock and spring blossoms decorated the mantel of the fireplace, where the rites were read by the Rev. Jesse Lockley of the First Methodist Church of Redwood City.

Gayle wore a gray suit with brown accessories and an orchid corsage. Miss Mildred Lane of Livermore, maid of honor, wore a green suit with a pink camellia corsage. Robert Morgan served as his brother's best man.

Buffet refreshments were served for the reception which followed. Among other guests were the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Leroy Lilley of Byron, the bride's brother, Wendell, and her sister, Rosella. Also present were her two cousins, Frances and Patty Leifer.

Following a brief honeymoon the newlyweds will live in Stockton, where Jerry is with the late agricultural department. He served for 18 months with the army in the South Pacific while Gayle was employed at the American Trust Bank in Livermore.

Charges Adultery

Kenneth Bell of Redwood Village filed suit for divorce in superior court here Friday, charging his wife, Dorothy, with cruelty and adultery.

The complaint, which was filed by Atty. Jerome Macdonald, Bell said that they were married on Aug. 2, 1942, and separated last Nov. 12. He said there is one child, Judith Kay.

Bell claims that he and his wife separated previously for eight months and during that time she committed adultery with a man whose name he did not disclose, and became pregnant. He charges that although he was not the father of the child, the wife named the baby Sandra Bell.

He also charges that his wife has committed adultery with five other men. He said his wife has left the state with the children.

Dismissal Due

The dismissal of an appeal by north county hog ranchers who have been convicted of operating without licenses will be sought next Monday, Dep. Dist. Atty. Fred Wyckoff said Monday.

Wyckoff said that the appeal by five ranchers has been before Superior Judge Andrew R. Schottky of Marin County for about a year and a half, and that he was asking the dismissal on the grounds of failure to prosecute the appeal diligently.

The five ranchers are Thomas Callan J. Lamori, A. Del Grande, Hugo Paoli and Emil Lombardi. Each was given a \$250 fine or 50 days in the county jail by Judge Rudolph Schottky, sitting in the South San Francisco Justice Court in October, 1945, but the sentences were held up pending the appeal.

Soviet Series

A series of 11 lectures on the Soviet Union today, sponsored by the Peninsula Council of American-Soviet Friendship, will be presented each Thursday evening at the Community Center in Palo Alto, it was announced recently.

Nine Injured

Nine persons were injured in accidents on roads in San Mateo County Sunday; the California Highway Patrol reported.

Most seriously injured is Janet Barbour, 18, of Los Angeles, who is in Palo Alto Hospital with lacerations of the scalp and the left leg. She was injured early Sunday morning in an automobile accident on Bayshore Hwy. north of Glenway Ave., East Palo Alto.

Also injured in the accident were Lester A. Luhnrow, 21, a Stanford University student who lives in South Pasadena, and Evelyn Clark of 550 Bryant St., Palo Alto.

The CHP reported that the accident occurred while a car driven by Mrs. Grace O. Davis, 27, 840 Bryant St., Palo Alto, was backing onto the highway. Mrs. Davis' car was struck by Luhnrow's auto which was going south on Bayshore Hwy. Evelyn Clark was a passenger in Mrs. Davis' car and Miss Barbour was riding with Luhnrow.

Joseph Ferreira, 21, a San Jose builder, suffered bruises and sprains Sunday when the motorist was riding spilled on La Honda Rd. east of Tobacco Rd. OHP reported that Ferreira failed to make a sharp curve in the road and ran into a ditch. He was not hurt.

Charles E. Stewart, 56, an accountant who lives at 330 Waverley St., Palo Alto, sustained minor injuries Sunday when the car he was driving struck into the corner of a bridge at the intersection of University and Woodland Aves. in East Palo Alto. Stewart was taken to his home in a cab.

Joseph J. Schweigart, 25, a mechanic who lives in Belmont, was arrested last Sunday by the CHP on a charge of drunken driving after he was involved in an accident in Brisbane.

Schweigart was making a left-hand turn from Bayshore Hwy. when his car collided with an automobile driven by Giuseppe A. Dehtone, 49, an Oakland bartender. Neither driver was injured. Schweigart is to appear before Justice of the Peace John J. Fahey Jr. in South San Francisco Friday.

The CHP reported that two other persons were arrested Sunday on charges of drunken driving. They are Dudley E. Barnett, 51, San Francisco, who was arrested on El Camino Real north of Burlingame, and William J. Gibbons, 36, San Francisco, who was arrested on Coast Hwy. near Skyline Blvd. Barnett is to appear before Judge Fahey on Mar. 13 and Gibbons on Mar. 14.

Four persons were injured in traffic accidents in San Carlos over the weekend, according to the police.

Joan Tyndall, 16, 936 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno and Charles Fitch, 15, 423 Midway Ave., San Mateo, were taken to Community Hospital last Sunday after the car Fitch was driving collided with a car driven by Howard Wenham of Broadway, San Mateo. Wenham was uninjured in the accident which occurred on El Camino and Hull at 7:40 p.m.

Elva Foreman, 47, 2171 High St., Palo Alto, suffered nose injuries when the car in which she was riding collided with a car driven by Ingber, 18, of 165 Warren Rd., San Mateo, at 4:40 p.m. Saturday on El Camino near Central St. in San Carlos.

Neither Ingber nor the driver of the other automobile was injured. A plate glass window in front of the Osburn Furniture Co. was smashed as a result of the collision.

Jerry Shields, 24, 270 Nevada St., San Francisco, was sent to Community Hospital with leg injuries when the motorcycle he was driving was involved in an accident at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon with a car driven by David Hender, 18, Alameda de las Pulgas, Redwood City. The accident occurred at El Camino near Brittan Ave. in San Carlos.

Attack Fatal

The death of a Brisbane carpenter, who established Saturday due to natural causes after another man had been held in the county jail overnight under investigation of manslaughter.

An autopsy held Saturday revealed that Joseph Cook, 55, of 784 Humboldt Rd., had died of a heart attack. He was found dead about 2:30 a.m. in a taxicab in Brisbane.

William D. With, 24, Brisbane, a painter who lives in Brisbane, was cleared of suspicion in his death, but was held in county jail on a charge of drunken driving.

Chief Dep. Sheriff Walter Moore said that the sheriff's office received a call reporting a disturbance at the Brisbane County Shop at 1:15 a.m. California Highway Patrol officers were closer, and talked to Cook, who reported that he had been in an argument with With.

Patrol officers left Cook and picked up With, who had driven away. They took With to the South San Francisco police station, where they were joined by sheriff's officers. At the station, they received a call that a man was dead in a taxicab.

An opportunity to learn sight singing and to participate in a cappella choral work is now being afforded the night school choral class at Sequoia High School, it was announced Monday by George Prall, director of the class.

Although the present group has been singing together since October and is now beginning to prepare music for presentation, constant review makes it possible for beginners to enroll at any time, he said. "The study of choral literature for small choirs and of the cantatas, madrigals and possibly the cantatas of Bach. Visitors have been invited to attend."

This class is the first step in the formation of a permanent choral group. It is planned to sing the lesser known works such as Elizabethan and Italian madrigals and possibly the cantatas of Bach. Visitors have been invited to attend.

Dolwig Recovering

Assemblyman Richard Dolwig, who recently underwent an operation, is convalescing at his home, 130 Knoll Circle, South San Francisco. He expects to resume his legislative activities and law practice this week.

Legal Battle

An array of legal talent, mustered into the service of six persons held in connection with the Dumbarton Hotel arson case, succeeded in getting a week's postponement late Monday from Superior Judge Edmund Scott.

The judge granted the request Gerard Wagstaffe of the law firm of Bullock, Wagstaffe, Harkins and Harkins, representing the six defendants, and Ariotti's wife, Edith, charged only with conspiracy.

Coghlan's clients are Frank Lenahan and Madelyn Lenahan, his daughter. The two are charged with conspiracy only, and all six of the defendants are out on bail.

Ariotti and Harkins are accused of having burned a house John T. Walker, Negro veteran, was building near their homes. They are also accused of having conspired with the other four by building a fire bomb with intent to burn Walker's house.

All six were indicted by the San Mateo County Grand Jury, and the attorneys obtained a continuance to next Monday on the grounds that they needed the intervening time to study the transcript of the grand jury proceedings. Wagstaffe told Judge Scott that he had furnished a copy of the transcript only last week.

Next Monday's hearing is technically set as a time to enter plea, but further delay was indicated by the defense attorneys. Judge Scott said that he was reserving the right to make any other motions at that time.

On the basis of previous performance on a conspiracy indictment, which was dismissed when the grand jury brought in new bills, Wagstaffe — and the other attorneys — have several courses open which may gain further delay.

1. They may ask that the indictments be quashed. Judge Scott had refused to quash the old indictment. 2. They may ask that if the grand jury was presented any evidence of a crime, the judge is not to rule on the sufficiency of the evidence. A motion to quash undoubtedly would be denied, but arguments for it would create delay in bringing the case to trial.

2. The attorneys may file demurrers individually or jointly on both indictments. Further arguments here would be indicated.

3. Separate trials may be demanded for each or any combination of defendants. This would stretch out the cases over a long period of time.

Due to the wide publicity which the case has received, it would be difficult to find jurors who have heard nothing of it, and therefore the defense attorneys are seeking the delays to allow public indignation over the burning of the house to die down.

Check Recovered

A \$1070 check was stolen, the theft discovered, and the culprit apprehended—all within a period of an hour, and before the check was cashed, according to a county probation officer reported Wednesday.

Anthony Lovoi, assistant probation officer, said that he went to pick up a 14-year-old Negro boy who had been a court ward as a result of several burglaries in Daly City, where he lived with his parents.

When brought into the juvenile home, the boy was very fidgety. Lovoi said. The boy was searched, and the check came to light.

The boy admitted stealing the check from a mail box in San Francisco, and he also confessed to rifling other mail boxes.

The check was made out to Hanford and Talbot, a stock brokerage firm. It was signed by George F. O'Brien of the O'Brien Iron Works.

Lovoi said that O'Brien had mailed the check an hour before it was recovered.

Vets Picket

Pickets gathered in front of the Gould Construction Co. office and N. S. Davis Realty Co., 678 Laurel St., Saturday, in an outgrowth of veterans' objections to the alleged raising of prices of new homes as much as \$2000.

Six pickets paraded in front of the place carrying placards stating: "Don't cancel your contract." "Don't sign any papers." "Don't accept any checks."

The parade was held Saturday, Mar. 2, at San Carlos Recreation Center at 2 p. m.

Approximately 50 veterans had gathered Thursday night at a private meeting at the hall to discuss means of combating the increases of homes they had contracted to purchase in Sunset Highlands, developed by the Gould Construction Co.

Thursday night's meeting was called by service officers of the San Carlos American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Some veterans claim their financing plans did not take into account the additional costs and that they will not be able to make increased monthly installments.

Other veterans are reported to have signed purchase contracts more than a year ago and to have purchased furniture for the homes in belief they would obtain them at the price originally stipulated.

W. A. Gould of the construction firm could not be contacted this afternoon for comment.

Pair Named

Reappointment of Porter Semon and John Lawler as directors of the San Francisco-San Mateo Counties Agricultural Dist. Board was announced yesterday.

The board is in charge of the grand national livestock and other shows at the Cow Palace. Meantime, it was announced today that 12 of the West's greatest sheep dogs will put their intelligence and training to the test when the Grand National Junior Livestock Exposition and Arena Show opens at the Cow Palace Mar. 29.

Garden

By ROLLY LANGLEY

You know the old saying about differences of opinions. Well, you may take either side in this—and maybe you have evidence to support your stand. . . . The difference of opinion in this case regards the viability of seeds—the length of time they will still germinate.

Some days ago in a quiz I put a straight question from Frederic J. Haskins' Easter Quiz Book: "Will grains of wheat which are found in old Egyptian tombs sprout if planted?"

The answer: "Seeds of most types of grain remain viable for 20 years, in some cases perhaps longer, but it is utterly impossible for wheat placed in the tombs of Egyptian kings to be planted several thousand years later and germinate. No case has ever been recorded of the germination of seeds more than 25 years old."

I let the answer go, having in mind the statement of Norman Taylor: "All tales of seeds from Egyptian mummies still holding the power to germinate are false. The extreme viability of wheat is about 30 years, usually far less."

But the seeds of corn are viable from two to four years and beans from three to eight years. (You understand, of course, that as a seed gets older, its vigor decreases gradually until it is dead.)

Then came the difference of opinion, from one who heard the quiz—Mrs. E. F. Krans of 859 40th St., Oakland, Calif. She writes: "On Party night, when I was 12, I saw today, you told the lady that seeds were never known to germinate after 25 years. My father had beans taken from Montezuma, Castle in Arizona, which he planted and they grew."

"Scientists say the castle was inhabited about 500 years ago. They were a bean similar to the lima bean and called the Aztec bean. You can perhaps get a record on these beans from the Yavapai County Dept. of Agriculture, Prescott, Arizona."

If Yavapai Dept. of Agric. reads this let's hope they send us a report. (I'll have to admit I'd never known that Montezuma ever got that far north.)

Snap and lima beans are native to tropical America, of course, and were unknown to European civilization prior to discovery of the New World.

Well, there you have it. Some one has to be wrong—but who?

Bill Walters writes: "Would it be possible for you to give information on the method of cutting back two large trees in my yard? They now exceed the height of the house and I am desirous of trimming the trees to about half of their present height."

The plum, an ornamental, is fairly vigorous growers and can stand this severe topping, but it's bound to make the trees look very stumpy the first year or so. This chopped off appearance can be somewhat softened by cutting the main trunk remaining limbs. Perhaps you've seen street trees so treated. During the dormant season they're cut back so that only a foot of each of the lowest branches is left. Even so, the trunk is sawed off immediately above these.

While the trees are still dormant they look as though they'd been cut off, but when spring comes new growth starts and comes with a rush. As a result, you have a big trunk and above, all new wood.

Any pruning of this nature should only be done during the dormant period. To cut a tree severely after the sap begins to flow might cause it to "bleed to death."

Don't forget that you can plant tomatoes in halves of milk cartons—two or three seeds per carton—and then you pinch off the weaker, leaving only the one strong plant. And you can use the paper bed covers, which you can shape over salad bowls into "frost heaters"—to put over first young transplants while nights are still cool.

Tax Rate

Members of the Sequoia High School Board of Trustees indicated last Friday that the school district was getting into serious financial difficulties.

"The whole discussion of the financial system is the result of financial troubles," Trustee Clifton Woodhams told the board. "We have reached the 75-cent tax rate limit as set by law. Even so, the rates were raised, we'd hit it again in a few years," he added.

Woodhams pointed out that each year costs would increase because of teachers advancing on the salary schedule.

"We are behind the eight ball," announced Trustee Stuart W. Capps. "What I am concerned about is where we are going to find the money?"

A discussion of the possibility of a special election to raise the tax rate for five years had been made by the board at last week's regular meeting. He said that Woodhams told the board last Friday that this would only put off the problem.

Dr. John C. Almack of Stanford University stated to the board that he did not believe a state legislative measure would raise the 75-cent tax limit.

Announce News

Romantic news of the approaching marriage of Jean Marie Heywood and Marvin D. Pearson, USN, was revealed Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Heywood of 36 Seventeenth Ave., Atherton, parents of the bride-elect.

The wedding will take place on Mar. 8 at the First Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto at 8 o'clock. The bride is a graduate of Sequoia High School graduate, has chosen Mrs. Ronald Wright, the former Lorraine Love, who was married just a month ago, as her matron of honor.

Edwin will be her sister, Virginia Heywood of Atherton, Colleen Fyke of Redwood City and Marion Moter of Palo Alto.

Leonard Spencer of San Francisco will serve as best man and ushers will be Robert Durkin and Robert Amador of San Francisco and Donald Wright of Palo Alto.

The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Pearson of Kellier, Minn. He served during the war as a navy flier and is now on leave. Future plans of the couple will depend on his navy obligations.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Alice Robinson of Atherton. She has been employed by the navy in San Francisco for the past three years.

The Prowler

PRESSURE IS BROUGHT upon the Hollywood movie studios from time to time by civic boosters seeking to have films produced in their respective states. They argue the advantages, natural and otherwise, that their particular commonwealths can offer for good movie production.

I am not authorized to speak for the movie producers, but my mere hunch is that such campaigns are doomed to defeat. The boosters from the other states, whatever they may say, are considering fundamentally not the benefits that would accrue to the movies by moving their studios elsewhere, but the publicity and commercial benefits to their own localities. And that cannot be expected to have much argumentative potency in the ears of the Hollywood bigwigs.

There are millions invested in the studios in their present locations. Tearing them down and buying property for development elsewhere just to satisfy the publicity and commercial aspirations of other states would be rather expensive undertakings.

The producers occasionally send their actors and "entourage" to other states for shooting pictures when that is a cheaper and more satisfactory procedure than creating the locales synthetically in Hollywood.

There is one strange fact noted about Hollywood's choice of locales when city street scenes and city homes are wanted in pictures. Los Angeles itself is seldom chosen for that purpose. One movie executive at Hollywood told me that the reason was that Los Angeles was too close to home to appeal to the movie producers. It is the old, old story of far away hills looking greener, and of the prophet being not without a hour's notice in his own country.

A DEVELOPMENT in the movie world, of which a Hollywood executive told me, is the intrusion of English films. The British have decided it will not do to let the Americans have the field exclusively. Because of certain restrictions that pressure groups have imposed upon Hollywood's output, the British producers have found a ready-made opening.

There is a strong censorship exercised by pressure groups, notably of a religious nature. Many books that would provide excellent themes for movies are not touched at Hollywood because of the religious anathema they would arouse.

Because of the heavy costs involved in changing a picture when once it has been made, the producers strive to anticipate the objections of possible pressure groups and do the "cutting" by the preventive method.

OUTSIDERS WHO VOLUNTEER sending movie script to the studios often wonder at the rejections. They are convinced that what they have written "is so much better than anything we ever see on the screen."

There is no use arguing with an author when he is convinced that his own stuff is best. But those volunteer authors do see the point sometimes when informed that often the movie plays are written to suit the capabilities of certain stars, and that the pieces those volunteers have sent in do not fit in with those requirements.

I LEARN THAT MARGARET Lee Runbeck, one of the editors of the Christian Herald, is having quite a run of mail after having invited persons "who would like to help write a novel" send suggestions to her. My hunch is that she is getting more in suggestions than she had bargained for, in point of volume.

My further hunch is that the aforesaid suggestions will not assay very high in helpful material, if any. Nor will the mere perusing of the mail be the end of her trouble. When the author ultimately turns out a novel, nearly every crank who has sent in a suggestion will be imagining that something or other in the book is but the flowering of his suggestion, and a division of the royalties will be sought accordingly.

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE who have the idea that their respective life stories "would make a wonderful novel."

I have a doubt that anybody's life story would do just that—provided it were handled by a sufficiently gifted author. Every person is the hero of his own life story. Take the characters in any novel you have read. The author could have written the story around any one of them.

An eccentric caller who wanted somebody to collaborate with him in the writing of his biography began telling me his life-story one day. I decided to let him talk, just to see how long he would continue if not curbed. At the end of an hour and a half he had covered only the first 17 years of his life, and there were 51 years yet to go.

There is no safety possibility in leaving the cure of the drunken driving menace to drinkers' voluntary abstinence from drinking. The control will have to be exerted externally. Preventive measures are advisable — such as making liquor less easily accessible at the roadsides.

P.O. Planned

Establishment of a post office substitution in East Palo Alto moved one step nearer Monday when the Post Office Department asked for proposals for a location.

Blanks for the bids are available at the office of Palo Alto Postmaster Ralph W. Evans, and the bids must be turned in at the local postoffice by noon of Mar. 10, Evans said.

The Palo Alto office will open the bids and then forward its recommendations to the Post Office Department in Washington.

Evans asserted that a request for proposals does not necessarily mean that a post office substitution will be established. He said all proposals could be too high in cost or not suitable. The final decision on the matter, he declared, must come from Washington.

A petition bearing about 500 names was submitted a few weeks ago to Evans by George R. Butler, who operates a drug store at 1923 University Ave. According to Butler